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LIVE is less a careers fair, more a buyer's market for job opportunities

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The noise – that's the main thing I'll remember from WorldSkills UK LIVE.

There were colleges, providers, soldiers, sailors, airmen, virtual reality experiences, jet fighters, police dogs, stand-up comedy, live music, and DJ decks – all crunched together and fighting for attention in Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre (NEC).

Back in August, I was in Russia to cover the international version of WorldSkills in Kazan. That was a much more reserved environment. Everyone was focused on the competitions that ran throughout the event, the competitors beavering away while the crowds looked quietly on.

UK LIVE, on the other hand, was more like a bazaar where brightly-coloured stalls (camouflage-coloured in the case of the army) and highly vocal sellers vied for the attention of parents, teachers, students, and children.

It was a buyer's market for job opportunities: you could work in demolition, railways, banking, or retail; or you could apply to start a T-level, sign up for an

apprenticeship, or to go to university.

School groups rushed through the doors and thronged the halls. It was so busy that at one point I had to leave a hall and then come straight back in to get past a gaggle of schoolchildren. It was incredible!

Certainly it was impossible to leave LIVE feeling glum about Britain's skills future when you see the level of interest from attendees. Indeed it was easy, walking through the NEC, to imagine that we already have more technical education opportunities than Germany – as the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, insists we must.

This special souvenir supplement hopes to replicate that feeling of excitement.

There are reports from the show floor about the colleges and training providers that set up shop at the NEC, as well as an interview with WorldSkills UK's deputy chief executive Ben Blackledge about the theme for this year's LIVE – mental strength.

You can also find the results from all of the competitions, including the crucial National Finals and inclusive skills.

And we have the latest information on the UK's preparation for the EuroSkills tournament in Austria next year, as well as for WorldSkills Shanghai in 2021.



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WHAT IS WORLDSKILLS UK LIVE?

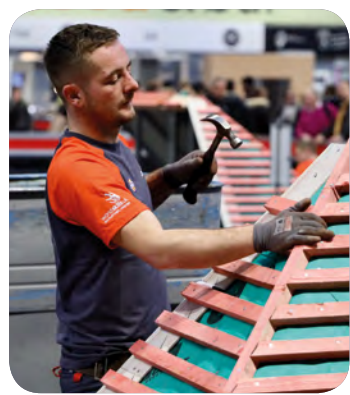
More than 80,000 people filled the equivalent of nine football pitches last week for WorldSkills UK LIVE, a jamboree of careers advice, skills competitions and education opportunities.

Now in its eighth year, the event ran over three days, from 21 to 23 November.

Despite its age, though, what used to be known as The Skills Show continues to expand into new opportunities, most obviously with its focus on mental strength – the theme of this year’s LIVE.

The theme could be seen in the mental health talks packing out the schedule and the several stands dotted around the show floor that were dedicated to mental health topics.

Mental strength refers to having the resilience to combat difficulty a young person might encounter in the workplace or on the first day of an international skills competition – which many will go on to do as part of WorldSkills UK.



These sat alongside more than 80 exhibitors, including all three armed services – which took up a massive area in the construction and infrastructure section with multiple

live bands, an armoured vehicle and a climbing wall. Also present were HS2; BAE Systems, who brought in a jet aircraft; and BMW, who exhibited several of their vehicles.

Another area where LIVE has expanded this year is in its national finals: the skill-based tournaments which take place while the event is running. Skilled young people from providers and employers across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland faced challenges in their particular area, which included mechatronics, graphic design and stonemasonry.



New competitions being run as part of the national finals this year include Building Information Modelling, Laboratory Technician and Cyber Security. The UK competed at WorldSkills Kazan this year in the latter two categories.

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remarkable stories with schoolchildren throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland), we inspire over 100,000 young people each year. But we know we can go further to help more young people develop and succeed. That is why we are setting ourselves a bold and ambitious target of helping to create world-class skills systems in the UK by 2030.

WORLDSKILLS UK LIVE - IN NUMBERS

83,009 NUMBER OF VISITORS REGISTERED TO ATTEND

60 SQ METRES THE AMOUNT OF FLOOR SPACE THE SHOW TOOK UP (EQUIVALENT TO 9 FOOTBALL PITCHES)

81 NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS

70 NUMBER OF SKILLS COMPETITIONS (INCLUDING INCLUSIVE SKILLS) TAKING PLACE DURING THE SHOW

49 NUMBER OF INCLUSIVE SKILLS COMPETITORS

519 NUMBER OF WORLDSKILLS UK COMPETITORS



DR NEIL BENTLEY-GOCKMANN OBE

Chief executive, WorldSkills UK

Championing inclusion in Birmingham, and looking forward to Shanghai

What an amazing three days we have had here at WorldSkills UK LIVE!

Every year, this event just keeps getting better. We call this the best skills and careers event in the UK – and having inspired over 70,000 visitors, promoted over 20,000 training and employment opportunities, and celebrated the achievements of over 500 of the UK’s most talented apprentices and students in our National Finals, I think we can confidently say that it is.

This year, we made “mental strength” the main theme of LIVE. We believe it is important to support

young people in looking after their wellbeing, giving them the confidence and ability to celebrate who they are in the workplace. Championing inclusion underpins everything we do at WorldSkills UK. That’s why we have recently undertaken a comprehensive review to help more young people – from all backgrounds – get involved with WorldSkills in order to get the best start in work and life.

Through LIVE, through our UK-wide system of competitions, and through our Skills Champions’ programme (which sees our alumni share their

Participating in the international WorldSkills Competition helps us to benchmark ourselves against other global economies. The WorldSkills UK Productivity Lab, which we launched this time last year, is already establishing itself as one of the best-informed resources for demonstrating how we can learn from the rest of the world. It is this research and insight that has enabled us to create a new formula to mainstream global best practice and help the new UK government to deliver world class standards in technical education.

We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build the kinds of skills systems that will support all young people into the 2030s and beyond. As we launch the ‘Road to Shanghai’, selecting those young people who have competed at LIVE to join our training programme for the next WorldSkills Competition in 2021, we want to work with employers, FE colleges and training providers to make this opportunity a reality.

They are already the lifeblood of our network – nurturing the talent that together we develop and shape into the role models of the future. Now we want to go further. We want to develop world-class teachers in technical education making the UK skills systems the envy of the world and creating a dynamic and thriving economy with the quality of talent our industry needs. I hope you will join me on this mission.

ROONEY MAKES HIS WORLD SKILLS UK LIVE DEBUT

Rooney Anand spoke of his excitement as he made his debut as WorldSkills UK chair on the first day of the organisation's LIVE event.

The former Greene King boss told VIPs at a business breakfast at the NEC: "I hope, like me, you are very excited by what lies ahead over the next three days in Birmingham."

"I believe passionately that business leaders must help young people fulfil their potential – and WorldSkills is one of the very best vehicles through which we can do that."

"It is the only organisation that captures and leverages in the field of skills building."

Anand took over from former WorldSkills UK chair Carole Stott in January. He stepped down as Greene King's chief executive in April, after 14 years at the helm.

Anand said: "Our job is to help young people take that crucial first step on their own, personal career ladder."

"Through these days, we can have a positive impact, not only on young peoples' lives and futures, but on the organisations and firms they will one day work for."

"WorldSkills is unique because it brings together educators, business, government and, most importantly, our young talent for the future – the whole skills system

under one enormous roof. So together we can explore what we can all do to help so that young people can get on."

"WorldSkills UK and its partners already make a huge difference to young people's lives."

"But most importantly, we leverage best practice so we can bring learnings into the UK at this quite important in our journey from the rest of the world."

"We don't just believe we make a difference – we do."

They are helped along by around 500 business partners. As WorldSkills UK chief executive Neil Bentley-Gockmann said at the event: "We couldn't do what we do without the support of so many businesses."

The armed forces were key players at this year's event – bringing not one but two bands (one from the army, one from the marines), a climbing wall, and a group of divers who played a game of noughts and crosses underwater.

The British Esports Association ran live tournaments of the popular video game Rocket League.

And Halesowen College had a lively trade offering face-painting for the school pupils who attended today.

Bentley-Gockmann said: "We are hugely grateful for them and all the incredible organisations we work with to put on this amazing showcase – so thank you all of for your support."



Rooney Anand

PROVIDERS OF ALL KINDS SHOWCASE THEIR OFFER

This year's WorldSkills UK LIVE played host for the first time to the BAE Innovation Challenge.

On the first day of the event at the NEC, the aerospace company gathered together apprentices representing teams from across the UK to set them their challenge.

According to BAE Systems, it "involves teams of apprentices competing to design and build a device which best addresses a challenge derived from real problems faced by a UK charity and their service users".

BAE's head of apprenticeships and skills Mark Donnelly told the apprentices at LIVE: "We've had some fantastic individuals and teams who have represented BAE Systems and have actually taken some really innovative products forward to help the charity, individual patients and local communities."

"So what you're doing today will help to change and transform lives."

The 88 apprentices taking part in the challenge were tasked with designing one of three objects:

- 1) An advanced crutch that should not fall over when let go of or leaned against a stable object, should not slip over in the wet, should be easy to fold away and should have an in-built means of showing the user how much weight they are bearing on the device.
- 2) A leg-frame adjuster for patients who suffer complex fractures of the leg, or who require limb reconstruction. This should work only according to a surgeon's instructions, so a patient cannot adjust it wrongly.
- 3) The neuro voice/verticality advisor to tell neurological patients if they are talking too quietly or not walking or standing upright – three common problems for such patients.

This challenge, which will run over six months until May 2020, is in aid of Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, which will find very handy these new and improved objects the apprentices are designing.

The chief executive of the hospital's charity, Mike Hammond, said: "You will be making a difference in the



Mike Hammond, Chief Executive for Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham Charity

years ahead. We still have devices designed by BAE apprentices from years ago that we use on a day-to-day basis.

"You should be really proud of what your colleagues have done and what you are going to do."

The challenge, which takes place every two years, has been running since 2001 and apprentices in the past have designed a warning device so wheelchair users can avoid bashing into walls and doorframes; a device to assist in the cleaning of wheelchairs; and a device with tank-tracks that could carry a wheelchair user down stairs.



BAE challenge apprentice competitors

SPARKLING TEA WITH SKILLS CHAMPION JASMINE

FE Week food critic Fraser Whieldon takes part in the sparkling afternoon tea section of LIVE's restaurant service with former competitor Jasmine Field.

After an early start at the business breakfast and spending the day on my feet talking to training providers, I thought I was entitled to a sit down and some lunch.

So off to the restaurant service competition I went to meet up with visual merchandising competitor turned WorldSkills UK skills champion Jasmine Field.

Over prosecco and sandwiches, we discussed how she became a skills champion in 2015 and now promotes technical education opportunities to young people on WorldSkills' behalf.

For her, it was a chance to give back to the organisation which "shaped my life. Not just in the competition aspect; before I did WS, I was a child basically. They've helped me grow and put me in the right direction at all times.

"It sounds corny, but I couldn't see my life without WorldSkills."

Now working as an events manager and freelance artist, Jasmine designed the awards handed out to Diversity and Inclusion Heroes at LIVE.

She completed A-Levels in Fine Art, Applied Business and Media, then went on to study Fashion Retail Academy in Visual Display and Retail Design; when she was picked up by WorldSkills UK.

"I like to mix my art up to keep it fresh and new every day, and that's what I like about my job. It keeps me in on my toes and I am always wanting to be my better self.

"In WorldSkills, you are always striving to be better and that competitor edge in me is always going to be better.

"It's helped me in so many aspects of managing business and taking on certain roles within employers which I was able to pick up straight away."

Jasmine cannot put a timescale on for how much longer she will work with WorldSkills and says she is "happy to come back every year to this amazing event".

"You can see how much good it is doing: not only brining young people to see what they can do for their future; it is raising the standards of these competitors."



Jasmine Field

COLLEGES AND ITPS SHOW UP EN FORCE FOR LIVE

Ranks of colleges and independent training providers were at LIVE to big-up technical education opportunities for young people.

Dudley College of Technology brought a race car and a tuned hatchback to the event floor, and were also fielding competitors in hairdressing and construction metalwork in the national finals.

They came back with both a gold and bronze medal in construction metalwork, thanks to first-place Joe Mason and his college peer Balveen Nota.

The college's curriculum manager, Dennis Stephens, told *FE Week*: "There is nothing greater than when you see them when they have won. It's fantastic."

The college has been involved with WorldSkills UK for "numerous years", Dennis said. "We have promoted WorldSkills within the college, we dedicate lessons to it and we have got WorldSkills



representatives to spend time with the tutors, which is really invigorating for them."

Dudley has taken 1,600 staff and learners to the show this year and Dennis said: "The staff enjoy it. They volunteer to come down and do as much as they can."

Nova Training was one of the most popular providers at LIVE, with basketball hoops, pop music and even a giant balloon hovering above their stall.

Centre manager Kelly James said this was to "showcase all the things we do at Nova" and, speaking on day two of the event, she said they had "really, really enjoyed it so far".

Representing trade union skills organisation Unionlearn at LIVE was Mark Rowe from the TUC, who said the value to the union of coming to LIVE was to speak to young people about the union's work. "And it's

a great, fun event for all ages and we really enjoy the engagement with the kids."

Unionlearn also promoted their app, Apprenticeship Essentials, "which hopefully will help them have a quality apprenticeship", and held a ballot of attendees asking what the most important issue is for them – with climate change coming out on top.

Halesowen College got a kick out of showing people the lesser-known subjects they offer, such as veterinary nursing. A lecturer for that subject, Gareth McCormack, said they were "raising the profile of professions that are sometimes overlooked".

The college had also come "to show people how they can progress from school into the world of work, but also to make the most of training opportunities while they're there".



INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION ARE THE KEYS TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUTURE

FE Week sat down with WorldSkills UK deputy chief executive Ben Blackledge to discuss this year's theme for LIVE – mental strength

“Working with young people and being involved with young people, you can see mental health is becoming a bigger and bigger issue for them,” says Ben Blackledge.

“It brings to the surface how often poor mental health is something that really holds people back.”

So WorldSkills UK believed it had to talk with young people about how the workplace is going to be stressful, how they will encounter difficulty, and how they can carry on working to get over that stress.

But Blackledge does not see dealing with mental health as a negative. Instead, he says, “Mental strength and mental resilience could be a real skill and real talent you could take into an employer.”

Which is what they tried to put across on what Blackledge calls LIVE's “amazing” platform. “Our focus has been on information and inspiration, which are hugely important in terms of young people thinking about their future careers.

“Mental strength and resilience are real skills”

“We are all on a spectrum of mental health, and how you deal with that early and proactively is hugely going to influence your future career and your prospects.

“So you can get that embedded early, the same way you want to get them asking questions early and thinking about construction and engineering and hospitality and trying to cover all the bases.

“You want to get them thinking early about mental strength and I do think we are always learning in this.”

Consequently, the schedule for LIVE was laced with content focused on mental strength and mental health.



WorldSkills deputy chief executive Ben Blackledge (left) speaking to FE Week reporter Fraser Whieldon

TV presenter Katie Piper spoke to a packed audience about dealing with the psychological fallout from the 2008 acid attack that left her disfigured, and how to use social media in a healthy fashion.

The Resilience Foundation and The Mix, two mental health charities targeting young people, were at LIVE with stalls and seminars, and the senior enlisted advisor of defence and armed forces mental health spoke about resilience in the armed forces.

A big feature of LIVE was the national finals to help decide to squad for international competitions, where a lack of mental strength can also have implications for the UK's competitiveness.

As Blackledge explains: “You can do all the technical training in the world, but if you haven't looked at their resilience, their mental strength and how they approach situations, you can crumble on the first day.”

So, before the national finals at LIVE, the competitors were invited to a bootcamp at Loughborough University, where around 200 of them were taught how to prepare their technical skills, how to prepare their diet, and how to prepare their body.

This replicated the boot camps WorldSkills UK's international competitors go through, which Blackledge is “really proud of”.

“What we've developed with Loughborough in how you take sports approaches to high performance and embed it in skills education.

“It absolutely sits alongside that whole approach in how do you

prepare a young person to do their best in competitions for our sake and the world of work for everyone else as well.”

Yet with 280 employers who are involved in LIVE in one way or another on-board, how does WorldSkills ensure message discipline with the mental strength theme?

“That's a constant challenge because the scale of what's going on here,” Blackledge says.

But at the same time, they did not want to make the event “one-dimensional” by purely focusing on mental strength.

“Poor mental health really holds people back”

“We talk to our employers and say ‘look this is what we're thinking this year. If you're exhibiting, try and weave it in and so a lot of them know about that and are briefed around that’.”

While next year's LIVE will move onto another theme, Ben is keen to not forget the lessons from this year: “I think this year for me there are so many learnings of how we present the information, how we link the competitions back to what's going on for these young people in their choices, and mental strength was something we maybe we didn't cover as much as we should.

“So I think in future, while it won't be the theme, it will be something in our minds in terms of making sure it's covered in the content we have here.”





DAVID SCOTT

Managing Director,
Skills for Security

WorldSkills UK LIVE is THE event to recruit our future workforce

Wow, what an event! Over the last three days, we met with schoolchildren, college students, teachers and parents; all of them wanting to learn more about apprenticeships in the security and surveillance industry and the career progression that this route can lead to.

As an industry, we are facing an ever-increasing skills shortage. The latest 'State of Engineering' report by Engineering UK confirmed that there is an annual shortfall of 59,000 engineering technicians to fill core roles. This, combined with a statistic from the same report that highlighted that 58 per cent

of 11 to 14-year olds felt they didn't know enough about apprenticeships, confirmed to us that, as an organisation, we had to act.

Speaking with WorldSkills UK, we wanted to explore how we could work together to build on the work we were already doing and further raise awareness amongst young people about the different opportunities available in our sector. The result was the launch of the WorldSkills UK competition in Electronic Security Systems earlier this year, with the final taking place here at LIVE. And what a final it was!

Over two days six apprentices, who had secured their place after competing at their own regional

competitions, carried out a series of tasks including the installation, commissioning, fault-finding and maintenance of an intruder alarm and CCTV systems. Apprentices used a range of high-tech equipment and apps only used by elite engineers in the industry.

Working with our industry partners, CSL, Hikvision, and Texecom, we brought together over 20 expert training providers from across the UK. This ensured that we would create competition tasks that not only mirrored the high-level work the apprentices would carry out in their day-to-day roles, but that would also challenge and stretch them, under strictly timed conditions.

This is so important, because we know that young people choose to enter competitions to further develop their personal and technical skills. These are all key attributes that employers are looking for in new recruits. That is why we should be encouraging all apprentices and students to enter skills competitions.

We are supported in the running of our competition by our industry partners, all of whom strongly believe that competition activity can help secure a future talent pipeline for the industry.

At LIVE, we were able to chat to visitors about the different roles within the security and surveillance industry and then show them these roles being carried out by those taking part in the competition. Peer-to-peer role models are so powerful; indeed 77 per cent of visitors to LIVE last year said they were inspired in their own career planning by speaking with those who had taken part in competitions. It is this type of experiential careers advice which really resonates with young people, their family and friends and is why Skills for Security will be back at LIVE next year with a bigger and better presence.



JACK GOODRUM

Carpentry competitor at
WorldSkills Kazan 2019

Chip off the old block: Catching up with a WorldSkills UK Skills Champion

As WorldSkills Kazan 2019 drew to a close and Team UK boarded the plane back to London, I knew I wanted to stay involved with WorldSkills UK.

Working as a carpentry apprentice with Peter Goodrum Ltd – the company set up by my grandfather, and now run by my father – I completed my training with the College of West Anglia. It was my lecturer who first entered me into the WorldSkills UK Competitions carpentry competition, which is run in partnership with SkillBuild. I was then selected to compete in the Final at WorldSkills UK LIVE 2017.

One of my proudest moments that year was hearing a family comment on the high quality of my work. I hope those parents realise that a carpentry apprenticeship could be a worthwhile career for their children. That is why LIVE is so important. I can't think of any other event where you can speak with careers advisers and

employers about different job roles, and then watch those roles in the competition.

Following my selection into Squad and then Team for WorldSkills Kazan 2019, I had little time to think about what I would do after the competition. I was too busy spending every spare minute training. However, while travelling back from Russia, I knew I wanted to play my part in inspiring the future members of Team UK – and I knew I could do that by signing up to be a WorldSkills UK Skills Champion. (Admittedly, many of my teammates wanted to do the same, so I knew it would also allow me to keep in touch with a great bunch of people who had become real friends.)

The Skills Champion programme is a network of volunteers who have taken part in the National Finals of the WorldSkills UK Competitions. Working with WorldSkills UK, we visit schools and colleges sharing



our stories and career journeys with students, providing them with the opportunity to quiz us about our jobs. We also join employers and skills organisations to speak at UK-wide events designed to help shape future policy. Working from our own experiences, we can ensure careers advice and training continues to meet the needs of young people.

The College of West Anglia was so supportive of my involvement with WorldSkills UK, and although I left in 2017 I am still one of its Apprentice Ambassadors – promoting the benefits of training, as well as taking part in skills competitions. I was the first of its apprentices to represent Team UK, but I am sure I won't be the last.

I did miss competing at this year's LIVE, because nothing beats the buzz of contending for a medal. But being recognised as a member of Team UK and answering the student's questions about apprenticeships, careers in carpentry and what it was like in Russia certainly made up for it.

Roll on WorldSkills UK LIVE 2020!

FRASER HAS FUN ON THE 'HAVE-A-GO'S'

One of the best parts of WorldSkills UK LIVE was the chance to try out skills for yourself. So, right after the event opened on Saturday, I snuck in with a photographer to have a go on some of the fun, yet career-orientated, attractions before the students and parents could get their hands on them.

First up, I got to have a go inside a British Army tractor. Unfortunately, it didn't have any fuel and it was sat in the centre of the NEC, so it wouldn't move without protests from the engine and probably from Her Majesty's infantry.

But I would be lying if I didn't say being at the wheel of the massive machine didn't fulfil a childhood ambition.

A piece of heavy machinery I did get to use (sort of) came courtesy of demolition training provider NDTG.

They had brought along a replica cabin from a Volvo crushing machine, which hooked up to a video game where you could use the machine's powerful pincer arm.

The game gave you the chance to squeeze concrete with the pincer until all that was left was the reinforcing bar and pebbles.

Aside from being great fun, it was a smart way of attracting young people towards a fulfilling career in the sector.

"I'd be lying if I said this hadn't fulfilled a childhood ambition"

Complete with realistic vibrations and controls, the crushing machine was pretty high-tech; but I thought we could go higher-tech. So off to the virtual reality stand we went...

The Virtual Interactive Careers Training & Apprenticeship Robot, or VICTAR to its friends, is the "world's first interactive, virtual reality careers guidance experience," according to WorldSkills UK.

You put on the headset and the VICTAR system guides you through various career options, while you stand



Fraser gets up close and personal with VICTAR

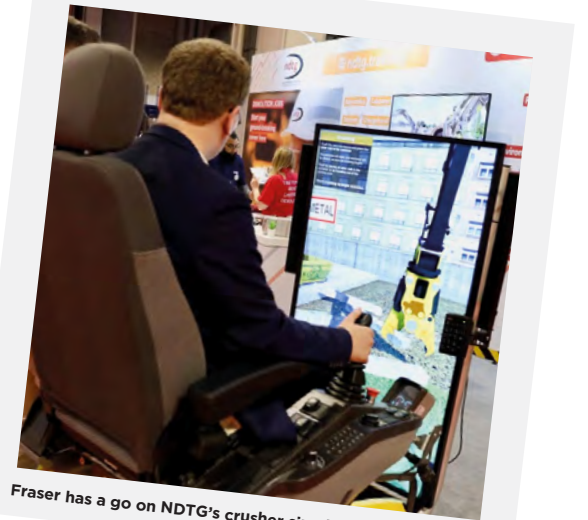
there jerking your head around to keep up with the robot whizzing around the screen telling you about car painting.

As funny as I looked to the photographer, I hope to get to spend more time with it when it returns next year.

Even higher-tech than VICTAR, though, was what Middlesex University had up their sleeve... sand. Not just any sand, though. An Xbox Kinect motion sensor device projected contour lines on top of mounds of sand. I could then flatten these down and hover my hand above the sand to make it rain.

I could then push aside the sand to allow the virtual lakes the rain had built up to flow into one another and create rivers through the mounds of sand.

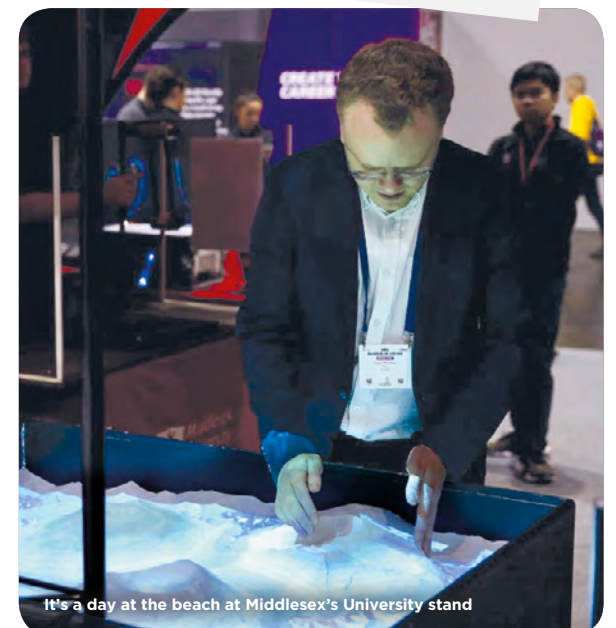
As far as careers guidance goes, it's hard to top high-tech sandcastles.



Fraser has a go on NDTG's crusher simulation



Fraser aboard the Army tractor



It's a day at the beach at Middlesex's University stand

INAUGURAL WORLDSKILLS UK DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION HEROES AWARD-WINNERS REVEALED

The winners of the first-ever WorldSkills UK Diversity and Inclusion Heroes Awards were crowned on the second day of WorldSkills UK LIVE. Run in partnership with Coca-Cola European Partners, the ceremony recognised those who have gone above and beyond in their support of young people from a range of backgrounds, championing difference and inclusivity in the further education sector.

The winner of the Rising Star Award, Jaguar Land Rover apprentice Raisa Matadar, said: "I'm feeling very over-the-moon. I definitely wasn't expecting to win tonight especially among the shortlisted candidates, but I can't wait to go celebrate now."

Paul Sowerby from the Catcote Academy Sixth Form, which teaches special needs students in Hartlepool, took home the award for programme or initiative of the year.

He said the award was for students' work in care homes, where they made relationships with staff and residents.

They are now being asked to take on casual work and for full-days, so they have "really, really come on. It's great to have the care home on board, who have been very caring and responsive to our needs," said Sowerby.

The awards were introduced by WorldSkills UK chief executive Neil Bentley-Gockmann, who said: "People talk about diversity and inclusion not as an event, but a progress."

"When I first joined WorldSkills four years ago, I said we needed to do a lot more work strengthening our processes and our work on diversity and inclusion. We

AWARD	WINNER
PROGRAMME OR INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR	PAUL SOWERBY, CATCOTE ACADEMY
MEDIA/SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR	MICHAEL PURCELL, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE
NETWORK OF THE YEAR	NATALIA ROSSETTI, THE GIRLS' NETWORK
ROLE MODEL OF THE YEAR	LIBBY PRICE, GEMINI ACCIDENT REPAIR
RISING STAR	RAISA MATADAR

need to ensure we are pulling on the best talent to ensure we are fully inclusive in everything we do."

The organisation has conducted a root and branch review of all its activities, as well as an internal audit, to make its work as inclusive as possible, Bentley-Gockmann said.

Coca-Cola European Partners HR business partner Sharon Blyfield spoke about how her organisation "needs to understand the barriers for young people coming to our organisation".

They have launched their Just Speak programme to ensure that employees "feel they can come to work and be themselves".

"Anything I and my colleagues can do to move forward representation and make sure we create a level playing field for young people coming into work is a major factor for us - this is why we got behind this this year. We knew it would benefit us as an organisation."



Rising Star award recipient Raisa Matadar

ON TRIAL: 'DEMONSTRATION COMPETITIONS'

Not only were youngsters competing for recognition at LIVE last week, in addition, several "demonstration competitions" were vying for a place in the national finals next year.

Demo competitions are not part of the mainstream of tournaments and are instead run on a trial basis to assess whether WorldSkills UK would seek to run them again next year.

One demonstration that ran at LIVE in Birmingham was in the electronic security systems category, organised by Skills for Security. It had its own medal ceremony on Saturday, because a second demonstration



The competitors in electronic security systems demonstration competition receiving certificates for their participation

competition, accountancy technician, finished the day before. The prizes for the third contest, industrial robotics, will be presented by its sponsor FANUC in a few weeks time.

The gold medal for electronic security systems was won by Fraser Armstrong from Belfast Metropolitan College, who had been tasked with installing, commissioning and maintaining an intruder and CCTV system.

He said: "It's been a fantastic experience and really well organised and I'm glad to have been part of the first competition."

WorldSkills UK deputy chief executive Ben Blackledge said at the ceremony: "The amount of work and skill these competitors bring to this competition is amazing and the amount they have to offer I always find phenomenal."

Organisations can apply to partner up with WorldSkills

UK to develop technical skills in a specific area through competitions.

Any new competition must be sponsored by industry partners while also addressing skills gaps across the country, and must first run as a demo with a presence at LIVE.

After that, WorldSkills UK will meet with the competition partner to discuss if this can be taken forward in 2020.

They can then become competitions in the national finals if they receive sponsorship, as has happened with the building information modelling competition.

Blackledge called the three demonstration competitions "the first stage in their journey with us at WorldSkills UK and LIVE. We will be looking at how to integrate them fully into our events next year."



Fraser Armstrong

'MY HEART BURSTS EVERY TIME'

The cream of the crop of skilled young people with learning difficulties and disabilities were recognised through the inclusive skills competitions at LIVE.

Forty-nine students with learning difficulties or disabilities took part in eight different skill areas, including catering, fitness instruction and health and social care.

All the learners were invited to receive a certificate at the medal ceremony, which was attended by the great and the good of the education sector, including former Education and Skills Funding Agency chief executive Peter Lauener, WorldSkills' chief executive Neil Bentley-Gockmann, his deputy Ben Blackledge, and deputy chair and North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College principal (NWSLC) Marion Plant.

"The scale of their achievement is life-changing"

Learners from NWSLC earned a total of eight medals at the ceremony on Saturday, with Pembrokeshire College's five medals earning it second place, while Coleg y Cymoedd came third with four.

Mya Miller, an NWSLC learner who won gold in catering, told *FE Week*: "It feels like a really good achievement because I really tried my best. Throughout



college I trained after hours and I have really put all my efforts and it has paid off in the end.

"I've been wanting to do this for ages and to be here, and for my hard to work to mean I come first place is such an achievement for me and my family."

But the level 1 learner is not resting on her laurels – she says she wants to become an even better chef.

Marion Plant said she was "so proud of the students who have come away with a glut of medals and the scale of their achievement is life-changing, considering their individual stories".

"Their courage to come forward – some of them have autism and so many other challenges in their life – to display the technical and employability skills as they have done today. As their principal I am so proud of them and the staff who helped them," she added.

In addition to the medal winners, all the competitors received a certificate for taking part and had their photo taken in front of a LIVE banner.

"This is the fifth year these competitions have run"

This is the fifth year these competitions have been running, after having first been trialled at what was then called the Skills Show in 2015, when the competitors only competed in catering.

The competitions originated from North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire, so Plant says her heart "bursts every time I come to these finals".

"These competitions meet the needs of learners with specific challenges in their learning and they are an



ME I COME TO THESE FINALS'

COMPETITION	FORENAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION	REGION	MEDAL
BASIC WOODWORKING	NICHOLAS	PRICE	PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	WALES	BRONZE
BASIC WOODWORKING	LEWIS	HALL	COLEG SIR GAR	WALES	GOLD
BASIC WOODWORKING	JOSHUA	BRADBURY	COLEG Y CYMOEDD	WALES	SILVER
CATERING	RACHEL	SMITH	NEW COLLEGE, DURHAM	NORTH EAST	BRONZE
CATERING	MYA	MILLER	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
CATERING	JACK	DEVINE	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	SILVER
FITNESS INSTRUCTOR	YASSER	ELARICHI	SOUTHALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	LONDON	BRONZE
FITNESS INSTRUCTOR	RYAN	EADY	SOUTHALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	LONDON	GOLD
FITNESS INSTRUCTOR	BENJAMIN	SEWELL	SOUTHALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	LONDON	SILVER
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	ANWEN	EVANS	COLEG SIR GAR	WALES	BRONZE
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	SHONA	EMSLIE	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	PATRICIA	MCKEOWN	NPTC GROUP	WALES	SILVER
HORTICULTURE	DEAN	ROBERTS	HIGHBURY COLLEGE	SOUTH EAST	BRONZE
HORTICULTURE	DAVID	JONES	PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	WALES	GOLD
HORTICULTURE	KEVIN	STUBBS	HIGHBURY COLLEGE	SOUTH EAST	SILVER
IT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	WOJCIECH	ANDRZEJCZAK	SALFORD CITY COLLEGE	NORTH WEST	BRONZE
IT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	CAMERON	EADY	NEW COLLEGE, DURHAM	NORTH EAST	GOLD
IT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	OWEN	YARD	NEW COLLEGE, DURHAM	NORTH EAST	SILVER
MEDIA	JAMIE	WILLIAMS	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	BRONZE
MEDIA	LYNDON	BROWN	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	BRONZE
MEDIA	CALLUM	WOOD	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	BRONZE
MEDIA	RHYDIAN	WILLIAMS	COLEG Y CYMOEDD	WALES	GOLD
MEDIA	TALIA	DAVIES	COLEG Y CYMOEDD	WALES	GOLD
MEDIA	THOMAS	ELLIS	COLEG Y CYMOEDD	WALES	GOLD
MEDIA	FAYE	GOFFIN	PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	WALES	SILVER
MEDIA	LIANA	PERYER	PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	WALES	SILVER
MEDIA	LUKE	LLOYD	PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	WALES	SILVER
MOTOR VEHICLE (DEMONSTRATION SKILL)	DANIEL	GABICA	COLEG GWENT NEWPORT	WALES	BRONZE
MOTOR VEHICLE (DEMONSTRATION SKILL)	LEWIS	BOLT	COLEG CAMBRIA DEESIDE	WALES	BRONZE
MOTOR VEHICLE (DEMONSTRATION SKILL)	DOMINIK	CICHONSKI	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
MOTOR VEHICLE (DEMONSTRATION SKILL)	SHAUN	OSBORNE	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
MOTOR VEHICLE (DEMONSTRATION SKILL)	KURTIS	RICHARDS	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	SILVER
MOTOR VEHICLE (DEMONSTRATION SKILL)	MCKENZIE	INGRAM	BRIGEND COLLEGE	WALES	SILVER



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Media team medallists

excellent way of showing what they are good at.”

They were developed with the help of specialist FE provider association Natspec, which developed a three-year plan with WorldSkills UK to integrate them into LIVE. This means they have the same organising partners and judges as the general competitions – a plan which reached its final year last year.

“The inclusive categories were developed with the help of Natspec”

But WorldSkills UK is not finished with inclusive skills: there was also a demonstration competition for motor vehicle this year and at the next LIVE, both hairdressing and restaurant services will be getting an inclusive counterpart.



Basic Woodworking medallists



Motor Vehicle (Demonstration skill) medallists

BTEC AWARDS 2020

Nominate your stars for the 10th annual BTEC Awards

The BTEC Awards is an annual event which enables you to reward and celebrate the achievements of exceptional learners and colleagues on the national stage.

Winners and nominators will be invited to London in the summer of 2020 for a memorable afternoon starting with a lunchtime reception at the House of Commons. This will be followed by an awards ceremony that promises an afternoon of inspiration and live entertainment.

Winners will be able to celebrate their accomplishments and collect their BTEC Award on stage from a guest presenter.

Here are your 3 simple steps to nominating:

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Go to **[btec.co.uk/awards](https://www.btec.co.uk/awards)** to find the entry terms and conditions and our handy guide to nominating.

STEP 2

You and your nominee will need to complete the submission form before the deadline date.

Nominations close 3rd April 2020.

STEP 3

Your nomination(s) will be put forward to a judging panel, where industry experts will award winners with a Gold, Silver and Bronze award.

Nominations now open!

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MEDAL CEREMONY

Over 200 of the UK's most highly skilled young people were presented with gold, silver or bronze medals at the WorldSkills UK LIVE national finals medal ceremony.

At the ceremony on Saturday 23 November, a number of apprentices and tradespeople were also highly commended for their performance in the National Finals.

New College Lanarkshire earned the most medal points of any organisation (38), leapfrogging City of Glasgow College which came first last year.



Floristry gold medalist Renata Egan-Wyer

City of Glasgow instead came in a close second with 38 points, followed by Southern Regional College with 21, Toyota Manufacturing with 16 and Coleg Cambria with 14.

WorldSkills UK deputy chief executive Ben Blackledge called the winners: "The new generation of high flyers that will give UK employers a competitive edge."

One of those high-flying winners is Robert Pallant-Bright, who took home gold in automotive technology for provider Skillnet.

He told *FE Week*: "I honestly cannot believe I won the gold. I didn't think that out of the smart, young individuals in that competition, it would be me."

The gold medallist in the fitness trainer category Danielle Hall, from Coleg Gwent, said she was "shocked and amazed", but "super grateful" for the opportunities and everything she had learnt.

Abigail Stansfield from BAE Systems, who won bronze in CNC Milling, could scarcely believe it, adding: "I am so ecstatic about how I performed."

The finals are being used by WorldSkills UK to help find the team to take to WorldSkills Shanghai in 2021, where skilled young people from the UK will compete against those from other nations.

The full squad will be announced on December 2, which will be whittled down to the competitors going to Shanghai as Team UK.

In the meantime, WorldSkills UK will be taking a team to Graz in Austria for EuroSkills 2020 in September.



Automotive Body Repair gold medalist Matthew Sutton



Butchery gold medalist Stefan Rice

WORLD SKILLS UK PROVIDERS' LEAGUE TABLE

RANK	POINTS	ORGANISATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	HIGHLY COMMENDED
1	39	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	4	4	4	3
2	38	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	5	2	5	2
3	21	SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE	2	3	2	0
4	16	TOYOTA MANUFACTURING LTD	2	2	1	0
5	14	COLEG CAMBRIA	1	2	1	2
5	14	PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	1	1	3	1
7	12	GOWER COLLEGE SWANSEA	2	1	0	1
7	12	SKILLNET	2	1	0	1
9	11	COLEG GWENT	2	1	0	0
9	11	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	1	2	0	1

RESULTS

COMPETITION	NAME	ORGANISATION	REGION	MEDAL
3D DIGITAL GAME ART	NATHAN PARFITT	COLEG GWENT	WALES	GOLD
3D DIGITAL GAME ART	JOSHUA STEPHEN JAMES COLLINS	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	SILVER
3D DIGITAL GAME ART	GEORGE HUTCHISON	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING: AVIONIC	HARRY RANDLES	QINETIQ	SOUTH WEST	GOLD
AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING: AVIONIC	HELENA JENNINGS	QINETIQ	SOUTH WEST	SILVER
AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING: AVIONIC	JOSHUA MORRIS	ROYAL NAVY	SOUTH WEST	BRONZE
AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING: MECHANICAL	BEN WELSBY	ROYAL NAVY	SOUTH WEST	GOLD
AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING: MECHANICAL	GARETH JARVIS	BRITISH AIRWAYS	WALES	SILVER
AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING: MECHANICAL	MATTHEW GODDARD	TITAN AIRWAYS	EAST OF ENGLAND	BRONZE
AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING: MECHANICAL	EWAN PAYNE	ROYAL AIR FORCE	WEST MIDLANDS	HIGHLY COMMENDED
AUTOMATION	OLIVER NEWDALL	TOYOTA MANUFACTURING LTD	EAST MIDLANDS	GOLD
AUTOMATION	SCOTT ELEY	TOYOTA MANUFACTURING LTD	EAST MIDLANDS	GOLD
AUTOMATION	THOMAS CASS	TOYOTA MANUFACTURING LTD	EAST MIDLANDS	SILVER
AUTOMATION	LIAM WHITBREAD	TOYOTA MANUFACTURING LTD	EAST MIDLANDS	SILVER
AUTOMATION	CHARLEY WHETTON	TOYOTA MANUFACTURING LTD	EAST MIDLANDS	BRONZE
AUTOMATION	CONNOR TILLEY	TOYOTA MANUFACTURING LTD	EAST MIDLANDS	BRONZE
AUTOMOTIVE BODY REPAIR	MATTHEW SUTTON	TRAINING 2000 LIMITED	NORTH WEST	GOLD
AUTOMOTIVE BODY REPAIR	CONNOR DAVISON	RIVERPARK TRAINING	NORTHERN IRELAND	SILVER
AUTOMOTIVE BODY REPAIR	GRAEME NEVIN	RIVERPARK TRAINING	NORTHERN IRELAND	BRONZE
AUTOMOTIVE BODY REPAIR	ROWEN SMALL	REMIT TRAINING	EAST MIDLANDS	HIGHLY COMMENDED
AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING	CRAIG KENNEDY	RIVERPARK TRAINING	NORTHERN IRELAND	GOLD
AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING	NATHAN PALFREY	BABCOCK	SOUTH EAST	SILVER
AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING	JACK GROVES	VOLVO TDC	WEST MIDLANDS	BRONZE
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY	ROBERT PALLANT-BRIGHT	SKILLNET	LONDON	GOLD
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY	CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT	PROVQ LTD	WALES	SILVER
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY	HARRY CHAUNDY	GTG TRAINING	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY	MATTHEW BUNDY	SKILLNET	LONDON	HIGHLY COMMENDED
BEAUTY THERAPIST	SHELBY JONES	SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	GOLD
BEAUTY THERAPIST	SHANNON FEARON	SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	SILVER
BEAUTY THERAPIST	LEVI BURKS	PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	WALES	BRONZE
BEAUTY THERAPIST	JADE THOMSON	AYRSHIRE COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
BEAUTY THERAPY PRACTITIONER	ZARA MORGAN	PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	WALES	GOLD
BEAUTY THERAPY PRACTITIONER	KIRSTY FRAZER	SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	SILVER
BEAUTY THERAPY PRACTITIONER	CHARLOTTE PHILLIPS-POUPARD	PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	WALES	BRONZE
BEAUTY THERAPY PRACTITIONER	HOLLY EDWARDS	CARDIFF AND VALE COLLEGE	WALES	HIGHLY COMMENDED
BRICKLAYING	ADAM BATTY	BARNSLEY COLLEGE	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	GOLD
BRICKLAYING	NATHAN JAMIESON	YORK COLLEGE	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	SILVER
BRICKLAYING	LEE WOODWARD	NEWCASTLE AND STAFFORD COLLEGES GROUP (NSCG)	WEST MIDLANDS	BRONZE
BRICKLAYING	LUKE MYERS	BISHOP BURTON COLLEGE	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	HIGHLY COMMENDED
BUILDING INFORMATION MODELLING	SOPHIE ORR	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	GOLD
BUILDING INFORMATION MODELLING	VIOREL MIHAILUC	MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY	LONDON	SILVER
BUILDING INFORMATION MODELLING	DARREN HOUSTON	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
BUILDING INFORMATION MODELLING	PATRYCJA WISNIEWSKI	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
BUTCHERY	STEFAN RICE	HINDLES BUTCHERS	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
BUTCHERY	LIAM LEWIS	CAMBRIAN TRAINING	WALES	SILVER
BUTCHERY	JASON EDWARDS	THE HOLLIES FARM SHOP	NORTH WEST	BRONZE
CARPENTRY	CAI HENSHAW	GRWP LLANDRILLO MENAI	WALES	GOLD
CARPENTRY	JASON WONG	NOTTINGHAM COLLEGE	EAST MIDLANDS	SILVER
CARPENTRY	ANDY THOMSON	SOUTH DEVON COLLEGE	SOUTH WEST	BRONZE
CARPENTRY	THOMAS ELLISON	BELFAST METROPOLITAN COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
CARPENTRY	ROBERT EAST	NEW COLLEGE STAMFORD	EAST MIDLANDS	HIGHLY COMMENDED
CNC MILLING	JOEL KEEN	ROLLS-ROYCE PLC	SOUTH WEST	GOLD
CNC MILLING	CARWYN ROBERTS	COLEG CAMBRIA	WALES	SILVER
CNC MILLING	GEORGE SEWELL	UNIVERSITY OF NOTTIGHAM	EAST MIDLANDS	BRONZE
CNC MILLING	ABIGAIL STANSFIELD	BAE SYSTEMS	NORTH WEST	BRONZE
CNC MILLING	GARETH BUTLER	COLEG CAMBRIA	WALES	HIGHLY COMMENDED
CNC TURNING	ARRON ORR	FORT VALE ENGINEERING	NORTH WEST	GOLD
CNC TURNING	JAKE ROOM	BAE SYSTEMS	NORTH WEST	SILVER
COMMERCIAL MAKE-UP	CALLUM STAMP	BOLTON COLLEGE	NORTH WEST	GOLD
COMMERCIAL MAKE-UP	KANE HAYES	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	SILVER
COMMERCIAL MAKE-UP	ABIGAIL DICKSON	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
CONFECTIONERY	ISABELLA SKIPP	HAVANT AND SOUTH DOWNS COLLEGE	SOUTH EAST	GOLD
CONFECTIONERY	BEN METCALFE	TRAFFORD COLLEGE GROUP	NORTH WEST	SILVER
CONFECTIONERY	KATIE GRAHAM	SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	BRONZE
CONSTRUCTION METALWORK	JOE MASON	DUDLEY COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
CONSTRUCTION METALWORK	KIERAN MCSHANE	BURNLEY COLLEGE	NORTH WEST	SILVER
CONSTRUCTION METALWORK	BALVEEN NOTA	DUDLEY COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	BRONZE
CONSTRUCTION METALWORK	SAM CARTER	BURNLEY COLLEGE	NORTH WEST	BRONZE
CONSTRUCTION METALWORK	AYDAN WHATLING	PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	WALES	HIGHLY COMMENDED
CREATIVE MEDIA MAKE UP	CIAN COAKLEY	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
CREATIVE MEDIA MAKE UP	SUMMER-JANE JACKSON	ACTIVATE LEARNING	SOUTH EAST	SILVER
CREATIVE MEDIA MAKE UP	SAMUEL MAMMONE	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
CREATIVE MEDIA MAKE UP	NATALIE HILL	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	HIGHLY COMMENDED
CREATIVE MEDIA MAKE UP	SARA ADAMSON	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
CULINARY ARTS	ASHLEIGH HELLOWELL	ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL	LONDON	GOLD
CULINARY ARTS	NIALL WILLIAM COURTNEY	ULSTER UNIVERSITY	NORTHERN IRELAND	SILVER
CULINARY ARTS	STEVEN MEGAW	SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	BRONZE
CULINARY ARTS	CELT JOHN	COLEG CEREDIGION	WALES	HIGHLY COMMENDED
CULINARY ARTS	DANNY BUNPHAUNG	SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
CYBER SECURITY	STEFAN BARGAN	WALSALL COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
CYBER SECURITY	LUKE JOWETT	WALSALL COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD

COMPETITION	NAME	ORGANISATION	REGION	MEDAL
CYBER SECURITY	STUART MCADAM	GLASGOW CLYDE COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	SILVER
CYBER SECURITY	ALASTAIR DUNWOODIE	GLASGOW CLYDE COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	SILVER
CYBER SECURITY	JAMIE WILSON	BELFAST METROPOLITAN COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	BRONZE
CYBER SECURITY	CAMERON MCKNIGHT	BELFAST METROPOLITAN COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	BRONZE
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION	KYLE EDGECOMB	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	GOLD
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION	CALUM MACLEOD	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	GOLD
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION	ASTRID MACDOUGAL	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	GOLD
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION	JADE BALFOUR	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	GOLD
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION	JOE TAPLIN	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	SILVER
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION	MEGAN DAWES	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	SILVER
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION	SAMUEL HEMMINGS	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	SILVER
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION	HOLLY JOHNSON	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	SILVER
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION	CHARLEY MULLINER	THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA	EAST OF ENGLAND	BRONZE
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION	SOPHIE MUMMERY	THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA	EAST OF ENGLAND	BRONZE
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION	KEIRA O'BRIEN	THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA	EAST OF ENGLAND	BRONZE
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION	JOE MURPHY	THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA	EAST OF ENGLAND	BRONZE
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION	BEN KIDNER	ROGERS RESTORATIONS LTD	SOUTH WEST	GOLD
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION	LEWIS SIM	MORAY COLLEGE UHI	SCOTLAND	SILVER
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION	DARREN KERR	SECTT	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION	ALEX RENDALL	BRIDGWATER AND TAUNTON COLLEGE	SOUTH WEST	HIGHLY COMMENDED
FINE JEWELLERY MAKING	MARTINA GRUMITT	M A GRIFFIN	LONDON	GOLD
FINE JEWELLERY MAKING	JOEL QUILLEY	GOLDSMITHS COMPANY	LONDON	SILVER
FINE JEWELLERY MAKING	MADELINE ROWE	LONDON ARTWORKS	LONDON	BRONZE
FINE JEWELLERY MAKING	JOEL SMYTH	ULSTER UNIVERSITY	NORTHERN IRELAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
FINE JEWELLERY MAKING	JORDAN KIPPAX	THE GOLDSMITHS' CENTRE	LONDON	HIGHLY COMMENDED
FITNESS TRAINER: PERSONAL TRAINING	DANIELLE HALL	COLEG GWENT	WALES	GOLD
FITNESS TRAINER: PERSONAL TRAINING	JAKE FRANCIS-CHIN	HAVANT AND SOUTH DOWNS COLLEGE	SOUTH EAST	SILVER
FITNESS TRAINER: PERSONAL TRAINING	ANDREW HARTE	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
FITNESS TRAINER: PERSONAL TRAINING	LUKE KEOGH	HAVANT AND SOUTH DOWNS COLLEGE	SOUTH EAST	HIGHLY COMMENDED
FLORISTRY	RENATA EGAN-WYER	WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE GROUP	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
FLORISTRY	JEN JONES	WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE GROUP	WEST MIDLANDS	SILVER
FLORISTRY	NAOMI CAROLAN	KEITS LTD	LONDON	BRONZE
FLORISTRY	KARA HALFORD	ACADEMY OF FLORISTRY	SOUTH WEST	HIGHLY COMMENDED
FORENSIC SCIENCE	CATHERINE JONES	GOWER COLLEGE SWANSEA	WALES	GOLD
FORENSIC SCIENCE	ZOE CATLETT	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE	NORTH WEST	SILVER
FORENSIC SCIENCE	PARIS WILLIAMS	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES	WALES	BRONZE
FORENSIC SCIENCE	ELLE PITTS	NPTC GROUP	WALES	HIGHLY COMMENDED
FORENSIC SCIENCE	MELISSA ABBOTT	SUFFOLK NEW COLLEGE	EAST OF ENGLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
FURNITURE AND CABINET MAKING	JACK EGGLESTON	CORNWALL COLLEGE GROUP	SOUTH WEST	GOLD
FURNITURE AND CABINET MAKING	FINLAY CHAMPION	CHICHESTER COLLEGE GROUP	SOUTH EAST	SILVER
FURNITURE AND CABINET MAKING	CHARLIE TEAGER-NEALE	COLCHESTER INSTITUTE	EAST OF ENGLAND	BRONZE
GRAPHIC DESIGN	CATHERINE KINSLOW	MID-KENT COLLEGE	SOUTH EAST	GOLD
GRAPHIC DESIGN	SAM DARBY-MOORHOUSE	COLEG CAMBRIA	WALES	SILVER
GRAPHIC DESIGN	FINLAY ELLIOTT	PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	WALES	BRONZE
GRAPHIC DESIGN	HOLLY CASTILLO	CHESHIRE COLLEGE SOUTH AND WEST	NORTH WEST	HIGHLY COMMENDED
HAIRDRESSING	JESSICA BRUCE	COLEG CAMBRIA	WALES	GOLD
HAIRDRESSING	SHANE POWELL	COLEG GWENT	WALES	SILVER
HAIRDRESSING	BAYLEY HARRIS	HYFFORDDIANT CEREDIGION TRAINING	WALES	BRONZE
HAIRDRESSING	BARTLOMIEJ NIEMIEC	WEST COLLEGE SCOTLAND	SCOTLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	FREYA WHITTINGTON	NEWCASTLE AND STAFFORD COLLEGES GROUP (NSCG)	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	MOLLY LAWTON	PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	WALES	SILVER
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	MEGAN FULLER	LEICESTER COLLEGE	EAST MIDLANDS	BRONZE
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	EMILY SUMMERS	SOUTH DEVON COLLEGE	SOUTH WEST	HIGHLY COMMENDED
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	HARRIET POWELL	SOUTH DEVON COLLEGE	SOUTH WEST	HIGHLY COMMENDED
HEAVY VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY	MATTHEW HANDS	SKILLNET	LONDON	GOLD
HEAVY VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY	CLAIRE WELLER	SKILLNET	LONDON	SILVER
HEAVY VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY	DAVID BODIE	STEPHENSON COLLEGE	EAST MIDLANDS	BRONZE
INDUSTRIAL CONTROL	PETER HAWKER	EDINBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY	SCOTLAND	GOLD
INDUSTRIAL CONTROL	JAMIE FISHER	EDINBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY	SCOTLAND	GOLD
INDUSTRIAL CONTROL	CAMERON TAWN	UTC SHEFFIELD	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	SILVER
INDUSTRIAL CONTROL	DEVON SLACK	UTC SHEFFIELD	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	SILVER
INDUSTRIAL CONTROL	KAI DONOVAN	TATA STEEL	WALES	BRONZE
INDUSTRIAL CONTROL	JACK GROTH	TATA STEEL	WALES	BRONZE
INDUSTRIAL CONTROL	THOMAS YENDALL	SIEMENS	NORTH WEST	BRONZE
INDUSTRIAL CONTROL	MICHAEL WALLIS	SIEMENS	NORTH WEST	BRONZE
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS	LIAM HUGHES	GOWER COLLEGE SWANSEA	WALES	GOLD
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS	RHYS WATTS	GOWER COLLEGE SWANSEA	WALES	SILVER
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS	ERJON BERISHA	BELFAST METROPOLITAN COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	BRONZE
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS	BEN LEWIS	GOWER COLLEGE SWANSEA	WALES	HIGHLY COMMENDED
IT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	LEWIS BRISCO	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	GOLD
IT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	IAIN GUILD	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	SILVER
IT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	ANTONY LOCKHART	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
IT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	ZOE LAZENBY-CARROLL	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
IT SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	KIERAN DAVIES	COLEG SIR GAR	WALES	GOLD
IT SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	PHILIP KENNEDY	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	SILVER
IT SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	HAMZA KUMRAN	BRADFORD COLLEGE	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	BRONZE
JOINERY	ALEX HOWE	WEST SUFFOLK COLLEGE	EAST OF ENGLAND	GOLD
JOINERY	ROSS FIORI	NCG (NEWCASTLE COLLEGE)	NORTH WEST	SILVER
JOINERY	HARRY COLGRAVE	EXETER COLLEGE	SOUTH WEST	BRONZE
JOINERY	GERALLT JONES	GRWP LLANDRILLO MENAI	WALES	HIGHLY COMMENDED
LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	LEWIS DYMOCK	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	GOLD
LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	JAMES ALLSEY	UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER	NORTH WEST	SILVER
LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	SUZANNE RAMAGE	NORTH WEST REGIONAL COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	BRONZE
LANDSCAPE GARDENING	NICK BUNDY	GADD BROTHERS TREES AND LANDSCAPES	EAST OF ENGLAND	GOLD
LANDSCAPE GARDENING	JAMIE FRANKLIN	WILTSHIRE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CENTRE	SOUTH WEST	SILVER
LANDSCAPE GARDENING	MARC BROWN	CAFRE	NORTHERN IRELAND	BRONZE
MANUFACTURING TEAM CHALLENGE	BELINDA NIGHTINGALE	RICOH UK PRODUCTS LTD	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD

COMPETITION	NAME	ORGANISATION	REGION	MEDAL
MANUFACTURING TEAM CHALLENGE	CHLOE MILLINGTON	RICOH UK PRODUCTS LTD	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
MANUFACTURING TEAM CHALLENGE	THOMAS MILLS	RICOH UK PRODUCTS LTD	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
MANUFACTURING TEAM CHALLENGE	RYAN LEE	SHREWSBURY COLLEGES GROUP	WALES	SILVER
MANUFACTURING TEAM CHALLENGE	HARRY MADDOX	SHREWSBURY COLLEGES GROUP	WALES	SILVER
MANUFACTURING TEAM CHALLENGE	THOMAS MOULE	SHREWSBURY COLLEGES GROUP	WALES	SILVER
MANUFACTURING TEAM CHALLENGE	NATHAN GRIFFITH	MAGELLAN AEROSPACE (UK) LTD.	WALES	BRONZE
MANUFACTURING TEAM CHALLENGE	CHARLES SAMSON	MAGELLAN AEROSPACE (UK) LTD.	WALES	BRONZE
MANUFACTURING TEAM CHALLENGE	JAMES BLACKWELL	MAGELLAN AEROSPACE (UK) LTD.	WALES	BRONZE
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING: CAD	JEDRZEJ MATWIEJCZUK	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	GOLD
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING: CAD	LEWIS BATCHELOR	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	SILVER
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING: CAD	NEIL DONNELLY	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
MECHATRONICS	DAN SLANEY	TOYOTA MANUFACTURING LTD	EAST MIDLANDS	GOLD
MECHATRONICS	DAVID FRYER-WINDER	TOYOTA MANUFACTURING LTD	EAST MIDLANDS	GOLD
MECHATRONICS	OLIVER SHIMWELL	TOYOTA MANUFACTURING LTD	EAST MIDLANDS	SILVER
MECHATRONICS	JOSH SIBLEY	TOYOTA MANUFACTURING LTD	EAST MIDLANDS	SILVER
MECHATRONICS	PAUL HAYTER	UTC SHEFFIELD	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	BRONZE
MECHATRONICS	BRAD ELLISON	UTC SHEFFIELD	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	BRONZE
NAIL TECHNICIAN	STEPHANIE KELLY	TRAFFORD COLLEGE GROUP	NORTH WEST	GOLD
NAIL TECHNICIAN	JOELY MCGAHEY	TRAFFORD COLLEGE GROUP	NORTH WEST	SILVER
NAIL TECHNICIAN	TERRI WATSON	OLDHAM COLLEGE	NORTH WEST	BRONZE
NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICIAN	KAMIL STACHURA	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	GOLD
NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICIAN	FRASER CAMERON	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	SCOTLAND	SILVER
NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICIAN	SAMUEL MILLER	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICIAN	TOMASZ WILINSKI	GLASGOW CLYDE COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
NETWORK SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	PHILIPPE BEALL	THE BEDFORD COLLEGE GROUP	EAST OF ENGLAND	GOLD
NETWORK SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	MORGAN MCNEIL	CARDIFF AND VALE COLLEGE	WALES	SILVER
NETWORK SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	SCOTT ROBERTS	BRIDGEND COLLEGE	WALES	BRONZE
NETWORK SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	KRISTIAN BROOKS	CARDIFF AND VALE COLLEGE	WALES	HIGHLY COMMENDED
PAINTING AND DECORATING	GATIS CELMINS	BELL GROUP UK	SCOTLAND	GOLD
PAINTING AND DECORATING	LEWIS BOYLE	LEEDS COLLEGE OF BUILDING	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	SILVER
PAINTING AND DECORATING	ABIGAYLE JOHNSON	LEEDS COLLEGE OF BUILDING	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	BRONZE
PLASTERING	RAYMOND STIRLING	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	GOLD
PLASTERING	TOM JOY	UNITED COLLEGES GROUP	LONDON	SILVER
PLASTERING	THOMAS BURROW	PRESTON COLLEGE	NORTH WEST	BRONZE
PLASTERING AND DRYWALL SYSTEMS	BRENDAN DUDDY	NORTH WEST REGIONAL COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	GOLD
PLASTERING AND DRYWALL SYSTEMS	KALEM KERRIGAN	ERRIGAL CONTRACTS	NORTHERN IRELAND	SILVER
PLASTERING AND DRYWALL SYSTEMS	ALFIE HOWE	UNITED COLLEGES GROUP	LONDON	BRONZE
PLUMBING	CONNOR CRUDEN	MORAY COLLEGE UHI	SCOTLAND	GOLD
PLUMBING	KYLE MCGEOGHIE	PERTH COLLEGE UHI	SCOTLAND	SILVER
PLUMBING	ANTHONY IACOVAZZO	CITY COLLEGE NORWICH	EAST OF ENGLAND	BRONZE
PLUMBING	ALEXANDER CLOUSTON	INVERNESS COLLEGE UHI	SCOTLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
PLUMBING	SAMUEL HENDERSON	SNIPEF	SCOTLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
REFRIGERATION	SIDNEY COPUS	BATH COLLEGE	SOUTH WEST	GOLD
REFRIGERATION	BEN WILSON	PRACTICAL REFRIGERATION TRAINING CENTRE	NORTH WEST	SILVER
REFRIGERATION	JOSHUA COLLINS	BESA	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
RESTAURANT SERVICE	SIMONA FEDEROVA	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	GOLD
RESTAURANT SERVICE	CHLOE HOLLIDAY	BROCKENHURST COLLEGE	SOUTH EAST	SILVER
RESTAURANT SERVICE	ARIADNA GUTIERREZ	BROCKENHURST COLLEGE	SOUTH EAST	BRONZE
ROBOTICS	LUKE VIALS	MAKE UK	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
ROBOTICS	MANTAS BUDRAITIS	MAKE UK	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
ROBOTICS	ABUBAKAR MUNYE	MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY	LONDON	SILVER
ROBOTICS	IBRAHIM ABDI	MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY	LONDON	SILVER
ROBOTICS	SZYMON SEBASTIAN MALECKI	MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY	LONDON	BRONZE
ROBOTICS	SZYMON KLIMEK	MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY	LONDON	BRONZE
ROOFING: SLATING AND TILING	PHILIP HOUGHTON	EASTERN REGION ROOF TRAINING GROUP	EAST OF ENGLAND	GOLD
ROOFING: SLATING AND TILING	JORDAN CONDREN	NCG (NEWCASTLE COLLEGE)	NORTH EAST	GOLD
ROOFING: SLATING AND TILING	JOSEPH OSBORNE	LEEDS COLLEGE OF BUILDING	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	SILVER
ROOFING: SLATING AND TILING	DAVID CRANK	NCG (NEWCASTLE COLLEGE)	NORTH EAST	BRONZE
ROOFING: SLATING AND TILING	NICK DAVEY	SOUTH WALES & SOUTH WEST ROOF TRAINING GROUP	SOUTH WEST	HIGHLY COMMENDED
SHEET METALWORK TECHNOLOGY	LEWIS FRANKS	KMF (PRECISION SHEET METAL) LIMITED	WEST MIDLANDS	GOLD
SHEET METALWORK TECHNOLOGY	EWAN SPOONER	KMF (PRECISION SHEET METAL) LIMITED	WEST MIDLANDS	SILVER
SHEET METALWORK TECHNOLOGY	EMMA YEE	KMF (PRECISION SHEET METAL) LIMITED	WEST MIDLANDS	BRONZE
SHEET METALWORK TECHNOLOGY	CALLUM BULLOUGH	BURNLEY COLLEGE	NORTH WEST	BRONZE
SHEET METALWORK TECHNOLOGY	OLIVER ARTELL-BOLLAND	COLEG CAMBRIA	WALES	HIGHLY COMMENDED
SHEET METALWORK TECHNOLOGY	AARON BUTSCHOK	BURNLEY COLLEGE	NORTH WEST	HIGHLY COMMENDED
SHEET METALWORK TECHNOLOGY	BRADLEY PARFITT	BURNLEY COLLEGE	NORTH WEST	HIGHLY COMMENDED
STONEMASONRY	JAMES DIGGER	YORK COLLEGE	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	GOLD
STONEMASONRY	JOSH HARVEY	WEYMOUTH COLLEGE	SOUTH WEST	SILVER
STONEMASONRY	JAKE WATSON	INVERNESS COLLEGE UHI	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
STONEMASONRY	LIAM MACAULAY	FORTH VALLEY COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
VISUAL MERCHANDISING	GRETA VOLUNGEVICIUTE	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	GOLD
VISUAL MERCHANDISING	ELLIE RUFF	NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE	WEST MIDLANDS	SILVER
VISUAL MERCHANDISING	DONNA BLAINEY	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	BRONZE
VISUAL MERCHANDISING	NATALIE TURNBULL	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
WALL AND FLOOR TILING	DYLAN CALVERT	SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	GOLD
WALL AND FLOOR TILING	DYLAN GILLANDERS	SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	SILVER
WALL AND FLOOR TILING	AARON GILLESPIE	SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE	NORTHERN IRELAND	BRONZE
WEB DESIGN	JACK DAY	HIGHBURY COLLEGE, PORTSMOUTH	SOUTH EAST	GOLD
WEB DESIGN	ZACK EVANS	NPTC GROUP	WALES	SILVER
WEB DESIGN	LIAM NEWMAN	BRIDGEND COLLEGE	WALES	BRONZE
WEB DESIGN	STEWART MCCAFFERTY	GLASGOW CLYDE COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
WEB DESIGN	PAUL PIRIE	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	SCOTLAND	HIGHLY COMMENDED
WELDING	CURTIS REES	NPTC GROUP	WALES	GOLD
WELDING	MORGAN ROBERTS	LAKES COLLEGE, WEST CUMBRIA	NORTH WEST	SILVER
WELDING	DAVID DUNCAN	COLEG CAMBRIA	WALES	BRONZE
WELDING	DANNY HILLS	LAKES COLLEGE, WEST CUMBRIA	NORTH WEST	HIGHLY COMMENDED

WELCOME BACK TEAM UK

The team of world-class skilled young people who represented the UK at WorldSkills Kazan this year were celebrated at a special ceremony at LIVE.

'Welcome Back Team UK' was aimed at recognising the achievements made in Russia this summer, where the UK won two gold medals, one silver, one bronze and a top 15 position among nations.

Gold medal winner Haydn Jakes spoke at the event, and said it "meant quite a lot" for him to come top in aircraft maintenance.

"For it all to pay off made everything worth it," he added.



Ceremony attendees were shown a video of highlights from Kazan, but as well as being a chance to relive this summer's events, particular team members received awards for their efforts.

These were decided by a vote of all of Team UK.

The first, the Douglas Hill Award named after the oldest UK competitor in WorldSkills history and awarded to the person who overcame great obstacles in training, went to electrical installation competitor Thomas Lewis.

The second, the John Barnes Award for the competitor who contributed most to team morale, went to painting and decorating competitor Callum Bonner.

Bonner could not make the awards, but said in a video message: "Thanks for nominating me. It means so much to me and I'm so grateful. I can't thank everybody enough."

The last award presented was for the outstanding contribution that performance coaches make to Team UK, the Jo Maher Award.

It is named for the Boston College principal who was a performance coach and team leader for WorldSkills UK and who was "phenomenal in terms of shaping the programme and moving us forward" according to deputy chief executive Ben Blackledge.

There were joint winners for this award: Gregg Houghton, who was a team leader in Russia; and Ann Bailey, who was a performance coach in Abu Dhabi in 2017.

Certificates of merit were presented to people whom WorldSkills UK nominates for their contribution to the international WorldSkills movement.

These were awarded to Jo Maher, the UK's former chief expert Robin Kyte, and former training managers Rob Rousseau, Pete Walters and Bill Jones.



LIVE FROM LIVE FIGHTS OFF FOMO

People who could not make it to LIVE had no fear of missing out, as WorldSkills UK ran multiple livestreams from the event throughout the three days of activity.

'Live from LIVE' was broadcast on YouTube twice a day on Thursday and Friday from a specially-built studio at the heart of the NEC venue.

The live element was fronted by TV presenter Gemma Care, while WorldSkills UK performance coach and former Olympian Peter Bakare went out on the



road, so to speak, by touring around the NEC trying out different skills and meeting both stallholders and visitors.

He told *FE Week*: "I had a go at virtual demolition, learnt how to throw a pizza, spoke with an apprentice at BAE Systems about the 30 different apprenticeships on offer at the organisation and cheered on the UK's best in the National Finals. Where else can you do this all under one roof?"

"There simply isn't another careers event like LIVE and we wanted to ensure that those that couldn't travel to NEC were able to benefit from the careers advice available, that is why this year we launched 'Live from LIVE'."

At one point, Bakare was speaking to camera from the middle of a crowd of schoolchildren; while at another, he was speaking to hairdresser and Toni and Guy careers advisor Serena Hussain.

The on-site set also had areas where people could sit and watch the programme being made, and perhaps consider a career in live television!

WorldSkills UK also broadcast the medal ceremony live on Facebook so competitors' families and friends could find out if their mate had won a gold, silver or bronze in the national finals.



This is not the first time UK audiences could watch a WorldSkills event from the comfort of their homes: WorldSkills UK ran live broadcasts from WorldSkills Kazan in August as well.

And they broadcast both the opening and closing ceremonies for that tournament on the TV channel Showcase.

WHAT NEXT FOR WORLDSKILLS?

What next for WorldSkills UK now the banners have been furlled and the stalls packed away from LIVE?

Well next year, WorldSkills UK will be taking Team UK - a group of the very best young tradespeople - to EuroSkills Graz in Austria, where they will be competing against countries from all over Europe.

For the first time, this team will be made up of both new entrants and returning competitors from WorldSkills Kazan.

This is for two reasons: "We want to make sure we are positioned well in Europe, and also there's a real training benefit to that," said WorldSkills UK's deputy chief executive Ben Blackledge.

The training benefit comes from the rude awakening it will give the new participants seeing

how well-trained the returning competitors are, and thinking: "I might think I'm the best, but actually I am nowhere near ready," according to Ben.

Graz marks the start of what WorldSkills UK is calling the 'Road to Shanghai' - where the international WorldSkills competition will be held in 2021 and when Team UK will be facing off against their counterparts from the rest of the world.

Ben said that Graz is a "huge part of that process through to Shanghai".

In the run up to it, WorldSkills UK is looking at how to make it a development opportunity for the squad, so they get to see what competition looks like, what success feels like, as well as what it all going wrong feels like; while they also want to celebrate the excellence of further education in the UK.

The squad for WorldSkills will be announced in

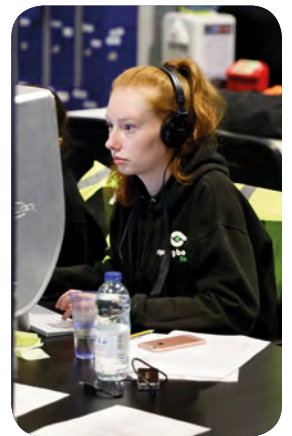
January and will be whittled down over time until WorldSkills UK is confident each member has a fighting chance at a medal position.

A new, data-driven approach is also being rolled out next year to help the UK's chances of winning medals and medallions in the UK.

So WorldSkills UK will be looking at the impact on performance of a range of factors: what educational route competitors are in when they start with WorldSkills UK; the number of training hours; the number of pressure tests; even whether they have friends and family out supporting them at the competitions.

The UK is also looking at taking part in different skills competitions in 2021, including building information modelling and industrial robotics - competitions for both ran at LIVE.

SHOTS FROM WORLDSKILLS UK LIVE!



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